

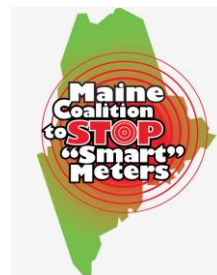
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Maine Coalition to Stop Smart Meters Opposition Comment to:

SECTION 214 APPLICATION(S) TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC NON-DOMINANT CARRIER TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 16-399

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To whom this may concern,

Maine Coalition to Stop Smart Meters opposes with the rampant proliferation of wireless networks both terrestrial and space-based, in large part because of the overwhelming science documenting adverse biological effects on human and wildlife populations. We therefore submit these comments in opposition to Docket 16-399.

The copper network for voice and Internet is still the only viable solution in most of America and we are years, if not decades, away from a fiber network being built nationwide. Wireless has major health concerns; current FCC guidelines are obsolete for thermal guidance since not protective of sensitive populations and irrelevant to non-thermal exposures, being promulgated in 1996 based on 1986 thermal data. These guidelines are currently under protracted FCC review and it makes no sense to expand likely dangerous technology without independent review and prior to an order on possible revised guidelines.

Wireless coverage is not possible in many rural areas seeking 100% coverage, whereas copper landlines are already there and should be preserved at all costs, even if just as a legacy of functioning telecom history. Wireless, even when married to fiber, will never be able to accomplish the basic functions to everyone that the copper network already provides. The copper network is far more impervious to cyberattacks, has no adverse health effects on people, wildlife or vegetation is reliable during power outages, offers easy emergency call access for people of all ages and has audio quality and reliability far in excess of any wireless network.

We urge you deny this application and other similar ones for the reasons stated above.